

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims presented below will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~G~~collagen free cosmetic preparation, which can be obtained by cross-linking of swollen aqueous ~~suspensions~~solutions of chitosans and β -(1,3) glucans with diisocyanates and/or dialdehydes.
2. (Currently Amended) A ~~M~~method for preparation of preparing collagen free cosmetic preparations, ~~by which swollen aqueous suspensions of~~ chitosans and β -(1,3) glucans ~~are cross-linked with diisocyanates and/or dialdehydes, whereafter the water is removed.~~ comprising admixing a swollen aqueous solution of chitosans with an aqueous solution of β -(1,3) glucans, adding a cross-linking agent selected from the group consisting of diisocyanates and dialdehydes, and removing water from the mixture.
3. (Currently Amended) The M~~method~~ according to claim 2, ~~characterized by that wherein~~ chitosans with molecular weights in the area from 10,000 to 1,200,000 Daltons are used.
4. (Currently Amended) The M~~method~~ according to claim 2 ~~and/or 3,~~ ~~characterized by that use is made of wherein~~ water soluble β -(1,3) glucans are utilized, which are substantially free from β -(1,6) linkages.

5. (Currently Amended) The M method according to ~~at least one of the~~ claims 2 to 4 ~~characterized by that use is made of~~ wherein diisocyanates with the formula (I)



wherein X represents a linear or branched naphthenic or aromatic hydrocarbon residue with 1 to 12 carbon atoms are utilized.

6. (Currently Amended) The M method according to ~~at least one of the~~ claims 2 to 5, ~~characterized by that use is made of~~ wherein dialdehydes with the formula (II)



wherein Y represents a linear or branched naphthenic or aromatic hydrocarbon residue with 1 to 12 carbon atoms are utilized.

7. (Currently Amended) The M method according to ~~at least one of the~~ claims 2 to 6, ~~characterized by that~~ wherein the cross-linking agents are selected from the group consisting of hexamethylene diisocyanate and/or glutaric dialdehyde ~~are used as cross-linking agents~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The M method according to ~~at least one of the~~ claims 2 to 7, ~~characterized by that also~~ wherein polyols are used added to

the mixture which are ~~chosen~~ selected from the group ~~formed by~~ consisting of glycerol, alkylene glycols, oligoglycerol mixtures of technical quality, methylol compounds, low alkyl glucosides, sugar alcohols, sugars and amino sugars.

9. (Currently Amended) The M-method according to ~~at least one of the~~ claims 2 to 8, ~~characterized by that~~ wherein natural and/or synthetic fibers ~~also are used.~~ are added to the mixture.

10. (Currently Amended) The M-method according to ~~at least one of the~~ claims 2 to 9, ~~characterized by that~~ wherein the water is removed from the ~~preparation~~ mixture by freeze-drying.